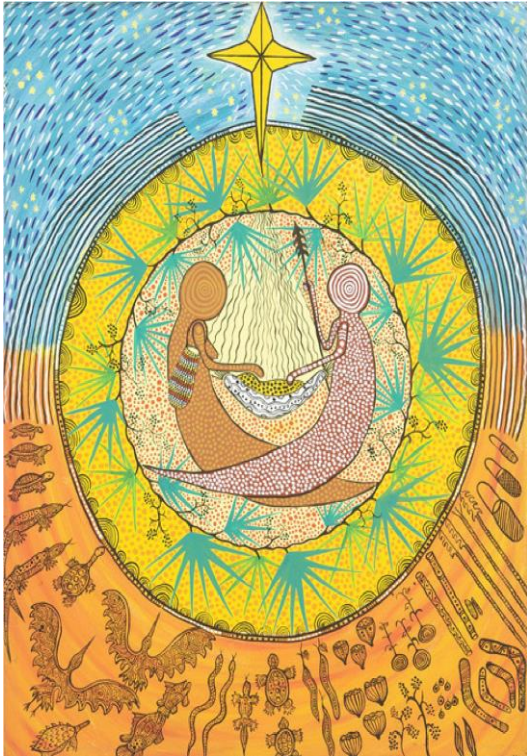




Dear Parents, Children and Friends,



Christmas Family Prayer

Lord God,

*During this holy season of Christmas,
we ask for your blessing on all families.*

*Let Mary's openness to your wondrous ways be an
inspiration to place all trust in you.*

*Let Joseph's courage provide hope
during times of anxiety and uncertainty.*

*Let Jesus' life ignite all families
with a spirit of light and love.*

*May the grace that encircled the
Holy Family widen to embrace all families.*

For this we pray.

Amen

What a wonderful week it has been at Assumption! On Tuesday our Year Six students graduated with a beautiful mass attended by many families and friends. On Thursday our community joined together for the final mass of the year; our Thanksgiving Mass where we celebrated and gave thanks for the wonderful year that was. On Friday, we finish the year with the Big Day Out.

As the 2022 school year comes to a close, we are busily planning for 2023. Please note the **following important dates for your calendar:**



2023 Term Dates:

	First day for students	Final day for students
Term 1	Thursday 2 February	Thursday 6 April
Term 2	Wednesday 26 April	Friday 30 June
Term 3	Tuesday 18 July	Friday 22 September
Term 4	Monday 9 October	Friday 8 December

Pupil Free Days: Wednesday 1 February
Monday 24 April
Monday 17 July
Thursday 17 August
Friday 18 August (Catholic Day)

Uniform Reminders for 2023

Many of our families spend the holiday break preparing the new school year, purchasing shoes and uniforms for their students. To assist you, I have attached the School Uniform Guidelines, please open the following link: www.assumption.wa.edu.au/app/webroot/js/moxiemanager/data/files/22%20MS%20School%20Uniform%20Guidelines.pdf to ensure our families purchase items that are in line with school policy. I ask each family to take time to read it.

Important items of note include:

- Predominately white sneakers with the sport uniform (Black sneakers are not acceptable footwear)
- Black leather polished shoes with the formal school uniform (Black sneakers are not acceptable footwear)

Hair

- Shoulder length or longer hair is to be tied back
- Hair is to be tidy and away from the face
- Hair accessories must be in school colours
- Hairstyles are to be moderate and not extreme. Only haircuts in number 2 or above are permitted. (Number one haircuts or chiselled pattern hair styles are considered extreme. Unacceptable hairstyles include undercuts, dreadlocks, cut outs, mohawks, rats tails, mullet)
- No hair wraps and or bead/coloured braiding. (Unless culturally appropriate)

Jewellery

The only jewellery permitted is

- Wristwatch (Smartwatches are not to be used as per iPad code of conduct.)
- Earrings: Small sleepers or plain studs – one only in the lobe of each ear
- One chain with a religious symbol, to be worn under clothing
- Rings, bracelets, wristbands, loombands and the like are not permitted



School Fees for 2023

In November 2022, the School Advisory Council endorsed the introduction of an IT levy for 2023. Whilst the tuition fees and associated amenities and building levies remain unchanged for 2023, the IT Levy is an increase of just below 4%.

Please find the Fee Schedule for 2023 by opening the following link: www.assumption.wa.edu.au/app/webroot/js/moxiemanager/data/files/ACPS%20Tuition%20Fees%202023.pdf.

Thank you and acknowledgements

We say a final goodbye to our 2022 Year Six Class this week. I have been delighted by the growing enthusiasm and the pride they have displayed in our school this year. We are all very proud of them and we wish them the best for their future.

This year all our students have had countless experiences and opportunities to learn, grow and mature. Students, I would like to thank you for all of your hard work this year. Your teachers and I are very proud of all of your efforts. I would like to also thank your teachers and parents for helping you to be the best person you can be. Congratulations to each and every one of you for all your efforts and behaviour this year.

Thank you to all parent and grandparent volunteers who have given their time and talents to the school during 2022. Thanks must also be extended to the P&F and the School Advisory Council. Without your help we could not do what we do, and you are all an integral part of our program at school.

We have a talented and hardworking staff. I would like to thank and congratulate them on their efforts and dedication to the huge task of nurturing our children to reach their potential. You thoroughly deserve your break and I wish you all the best for a refreshing and relaxing holiday.

To those families who are leaving Assumption, I wish you all the best for the future.

Finally, I would like to thank our school community for the enormous support you have shown me in my role as Principal this year. I feel privileged to have had the opportunity to work with so many talented staff, students, and parents; and look forward to many years to come.

I wish you all a happy and holy Christmas and look forward to seeing you all again when school begins on Thursday 2 February 2023.

May God bless our school and those within it.

Miranda Swann

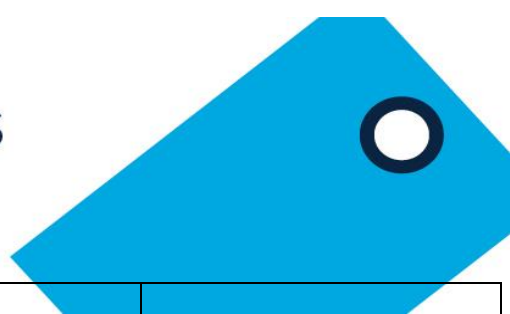
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Week 1	Events	<p>Mass Times Saturday 6:00pm Sunday 8:00am Sunday 9:30am Sunday 6:00pm</p> 
Good Morning Monday 30/1	Staff Return to Work Staff Pilgrimage	
Thank You Tuesday 31/1	Staff Day	
Winking Wednesday 1/2	Pupil Free Day	
Thumbs Up Thursday 2/2	First Day of Term One for Students 2pm Opening Mass Kindy Red Half Day Canteen Open – Online Orders Only	
Friendship Friday 3/2	Kindy Blue Half Day Year 4 – 6 Dancesport Canteen Open – Online Orders Only	

MJR & Virtue Focus: Greet, Treat and Speak - This focus is about how we Greet people – how we say hello and welcome them. GTS is about how we Treat other people – when we are happy with them, but even when we might be angry with them. And GTS is about how we Speak to other people – remembering that what we say to people, and how we say it, can help them to have a good day or a bad day. GTS is linked to our Kindness Virtue. We think about Greeting people Kindly, Treating them Kindly and Speak to them Kindly. This was the Second Great Commandment of Jesus: Love your neighbour as yourself. This means that we should treat other people as we would want them to treat us: with Kindness, Care and Compassion. So, for the next two weeks, as we focus on GTS, think about how you would like other people to Greet you: how you would like other people to Treat you: and how you would like other people to Speak to you.

Kindy 2023 & 2024 – We are currently interviewing for Kindy 2023 classes and accepting applications for Kindy 2024. **If your child is born between 1 July 2018 and 30 June 2019, they are eligible to attend Kindy in 2023.** Applications are available from the office or online.

Pre Kindy 2023 – We are now taking enrolments for Pre Kindy 2023. If you would like more information, please contact the school office.

Leaving Students – If your child/children will not be attending school at Assumption next year, please contact the office to complete an enrolment cancellation form. This will assist with preparation of class placements for 2023.


Alcoa Community Information Day – Learn more about Alcoa and our local operations including: employment, community support, residue and dust management and future plans. The event is being held 12 December, at the Pinjarra Bowling Club, different times available. Bookings are essential, please visit [AlcoaCommunityInformationDay.eventbrite.com](https://www.alcoacommunityinformationday.com.au).

Peel Youth Group – On behalf of the Peel Youth under Our Lady's Assumption Catholic Parish, we would like to thank all those who were with us on the 20 November during our Sunday catch-up. We had a lot of fun with our young people. Again, we would like to cordially invite all the volunteers and young people to our upcoming Youth Gathering on Sunday 4 December. We also have our Youth Gathering Christmas Party on 11 December (3:30pm – 5:30pm). To register for this Christmas party, use the following link <https://forms.gle/FknB6YmV4R446W2D9>. The events are at the Parish Centre – 8 Stevenson Street, Mandurah. There will be lots of learning, games, food, and fun. All ages welcome.

Children's/Youth Mass – Christmas Eve – All children and young people are invited to join the Nativity Play on December 24, at 6pm Mass. We need actors as angels, shepherds, guards, Mary and Joseph, as well as readers, narrator and commentator. If your child/children would like to join, you may send a message to Mrs Josephine Magpily 0434704122.

Our Lady's Assumption Catholic Parish – Christmas Mass Times 2022 – To check the Mass times please open the following link: www.assumption.wa.edu.au/app/webroot/js/moxiemanager/data/files/Mass%20Times.pdf.

Vacation Care – Please be advised that A1Fun is starting vacation care on Friday 16 December. Please contact them on 95347233 for bookings or further information.

OSHClub  **OSHClub** Assumption provides before and after school care for your children in a safe and caring environment. **Please note that OSHClub will not be available in week 10.** We are located on the school grounds in the demountable building. **Upon arrival, please phone 0432337624 for staff to let you in.** OSHClub hours are 7am – 9am and 2:30pm – 6pm. You can obtain more information from www.oshclub.com.au or call 1800 460 870 or 9261 3200.

